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Mrs. Baker is active in social betterment work here. She has taught a singing class in the settlement house for three years. She is a tall slender woman with blue eyes and brown hair. She reads much and is a talented singer and pianist. There are three children: Betty, 10, Jack, 9, and Margaret, 6. Margaret goes to a private kindergarten. The Bakers have lived here since their marriage 14 years ago.

SARGENT IS DEAD

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and learned the trade of stone cutting there. April 2, 1915, he married Mary L. Grice of Pittsford, Devonshire, and a month later he came to the United States.

Mr. Sargent held a number of important positions in the building world. For seven years he was superintendent of construction of buildings and of stone cutting for the United States government.

After leaving the government service in 1878 he came to Topeka and entered immediately into the stone and general contracting business here. From 1878 until 1883, Mr. Sargent was superintendent of the firm of Smith & Sargent. Mr. Sargent had charge of the erection of a number of important buildings throughout the state.

In January, 1910, Mr. Sargent established the Sargent Cut Stone company, in which his son, J. R. Sargent, was associated. Mr. Sargent was chairman of the public utilities commission. Mere formality of a delayed announcement is not expected to interfere with Bristow's activities.

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Repulsed in Attempted Advance at Felahie.

Turks Turn Defeat Into Decisive Victory in Arabia.

Berlin, March 13.—(By wireless to Seyville).—The losses of the British forces in Mesopotamia in the recent battle near Felahie are estimated by the Turkish war office as at least 5,000.

The Turkish statement issued under date of March 12, follows: "The enemy's losses in the battle of Felahie, Mesopotamia front, are estimated as at least 5,000. In Arabia, on the Yemen front, a British detachment of 6,000 infantry, supported by 600 cavalry and 12 camels, started on January 12 from Sheikhgoman, north of Aden, and occupied the town of Afshir. They attacked the Turkish vanguard with superior forces but were stopped by a Turkish counter attack from El Yafit. The British were repulsed with heavy losses. "Only the protection of long range artillery averted a panic. "The enemy then tried to offer resistance, but was repulsed with heavy losses. The British were then driven into the fortified camp of Shiek Ouman, under the protection of the cannon of ships anchored in the Gulf of Aden.

"The Turks destroyed the own and fortifications of El Emehale and captured supplies there. "The British statement, on March 10 said the main British force on March 8 made an attack from the British camp at Afshir, and occupied part of the Turkish trenches was selected and obliged to retreat, leaving 2,000 dead.

TOMPKINS TO FT. RILEY

But Hero of Columbus Massacre Wants to Fight.

Columbus, N. M., March 13.—Major Frank Tompkins, who, with four skeleton troops chased Villa several miles into Mexico, is to be transferred to Fort Riley and has asked to be allowed to fight with the expedition in pursuit of Villa. In a highly commendatory telegram, Colonel Slocum urged the war department to grant the request. He held the expedition in high esteem and was anxious to supply the United States government, according to statements made here by officials of the expedition, who added that they are in a position to supply the further needs of this country without interfering with their foreign orders.

The Remington Arms company, it was stated, is making 20 million rifles for the army; the Edystone Ammunition corporation, 2,500,000 shells; the Union Carbide and Carbon company, 1,000,000 steel forgings; while the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company is also working on large orders of the United States army, in addition to its foreign orders.

GOOD ACADEMY PLAY

Washburn Preps Fill Chapel With "Maneuvers of Jane."

"The Maneuvers of Jane," the annual Washburn academy play was the best attended and most successful academy play the academy has given. The college and town filled the big chapel at Washburn college until it looked as though the S. R. O. sign would have to be exhibited.

The fine character of "Jane" was given by Miss Elizabeth Pyffe, Miss Gertrude Wheeler and Miss Dorothy Crane handled their parts of the play. The play was a comedy. Crawford drew a good share of laughs from the crowd by his representation of the conventional stage version of the American side of the border.

Reliable information came last night from American sources that the western side of the ring had been much strengthened, especially in the division of the 500 American Mormon colonists near Casas Grandes, about 175 miles south of the border, where Villa's maneuvers have removed the fear that he intended to attack the Mormons. The Carranza forces have not reported any movement of their line to draw inward to inclose Villa but have pointed out that lack of railroad facilities hampers them in more rapid action against the border.

Aiding the military other branches of the government service were active throughout the night on ramifications of Francisco Villa's trail.

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General Funston is being deluged with applications from persons who hope to act as interpreters for the expedition. He said this morning, "Every man in Texas able to speak three words of Mexican had applied for duty."

Pershing to Say When.

General Funston said today that the announcement of the expedition's actual start into Mexico probably would be left to the decision as to whom the exact hour for setting the movement afoot.

Paso, March 13.—The horse races in Juarez had a larger crowd of Americans than usual yesterday apparently attracted by the horse races. Mexicans, for the most part, remained silent about the American expeditionary force.

Mormon Colonists Safe.

The report that the peril of the Mormon colonists has decreased came from General Gabriel Garcia, Juarez commander. He asserted he considered the American colonists not perfectly safe, under the protection of the troops of Col. Samuel Gonzales.

SHE HAS A SUSPICION

Alice Vrooman Causes the Issue of a Search Warrant.

An Arizona Mother Smothers Her Own Child to Death.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 13.—After Forrest Richmond and his wife had vainly begged a doctor and nurse to end the life of their deformed infant daughter, Richmond Laurenz, the child was smothered to death under the mother's body. The coroner's verdict does not directly charge the parents with murder, but the county attorney states the warrants for their arrest may be issued tomorrow.

The baby was six days old when she died last night. She had only one single bone.

The Richmonds are educated and cultured. Mrs. Richmond graduated from a fashionable school in Washington. Her father, Josiah Winchester, was once a millionaire in Denver.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT.

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